

Local Economy Strong in October

W.E. Hunter, Oregon Employment Division Administrator, announced that October was an excellent month for Oregon's economy. "Strength was evident in almost all sectors," he said, "with the few negative events linked more to weather conditions than to economic factors."

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate crept up by one-tenth, the fifth straight monthly increase. However, in nine months of decline, the rate fell from 8.6% in August 1986 to 5.5% in May 1987. Since then, a gradual upward movement has raised the rate by less than a full point. Also, the rate would not have risen in October but for the unusual weather conditions. Thus, it becomes apparent that rather than the gradual increase being a cause for concern, the unemployment rate continues to indicate a strong economy.

Results of Oregon's monthly survey of employers show that wage and salary employment has set a new record for the fourth time this year. With 1,120,400 payroll employees, 38,000 jobs have been added in the past 12 months.

Oregon Labor For Jackson

An Oregon Labor for Jackson meeting will focus on the peace, jobs and justice agenda for labor. Presidential candidate positions on labor's concerns will be discussed. Plans for outreach and networking will be formulated. Thursday, December 3rd, 7 p.m. at the O.P.E.U. office, 123 NE 3rd, first floor conference room.

Federal Express Given Portland-Tokyo Small Package Approval

The Department of Transportation has given Federal Express approval to begin small package shipments to Tokyo via Portland International Airport. The long-awaited decision gives Portland a second air entry into Japan that could represent an annual economic impact to the area of \$25 million.

The decision cited Federal Express' door-to-door service as a key ingredient to a successful United States-Tokyo route. It makes Portland the sole gateway for small package shipments between the two countries, a designation that could be significant in Oregon's attraction of new business and industry.

Though the decision must be approved by the White House, Federal Express could start their service by summer 1988. A \$5 million expanded cargo facility for Federal Express has already been completed at Portland International Airport to meet the needs of the new service.

AFL-CIO Now Opposes Contra Aid

A holiday labor reception to celebrate the new AFL-CIO policy against contra aid, will feature an eyewitness report on the Central American debate at the national convention, by Al Weinrub, editor of the Labor Report on Central America. The reception will be held at 5:30 p.m., Friday, December 11, at the CWA Hall, 3637 NE Sandy, under the auspices of the Portland Labor Committee on Central America.

Gasoline Prices Higher

The bad news is gasoline prices are continuing to increase. The good news is that the rate of increase is much slower than it has been recently, according to the Oregon AAA Thanksgiving Fuel Gauge survey.

The average price of gasoline increased two cents per gallon between Labor Day and Thanksgiving, compared to an increase of seven cents per gallon between the Fourth of July and Labor Day.

Over the Thanksgiving holiday, full-service cash customers will pay an average of \$1.04 per gallon for regular gasoline, \$1.08 unleaded and \$1.20 for super unleaded.

At the mini-service pumps, average prices will be 85 cents per gallon for regular, \$1.00 for unleaded and \$1.11 for super unleaded.

The average price of gasoline is 13 cents per gallon higher than it was in Thanksgiving 1986, according to survey figures.

A small majority of stations — 54 percent — will be opened during the Thanksgiving holiday. An even smaller number — 17 percent — will be open 24 hours a day through the holiday period.

PGE Offers Emergency Fuel Assistance

Thousands of Oregonians will stay warmer this winter thanks to Project HELP, a one-time emergency fuel assistance program administered by The Salvation Army.

For the sixth consecutive year, Portland General Electric Co. (PGE) is asking customers to join with them in contributing to Project HELP. The program is intended to assist people who are not eligible for the Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIEAP) administered by the state.

Kay Stepp, President of PGE's Energy Services Division, presented a \$40,000 shareholders' check to The Salvation Army to kick off the program in PGE's service area. The corporate donation is a startup fund for Project HELP.

"Last year PGE customers, employees, and shareholders contributed \$320,158 to Project HELP," says Roberta Andrus, PGE Consumer Assistance Representative, Portland. "This made it possible to provide an average of \$108 to 3,061 families throughout our service area."

PGE customers with a monthly income between 125 percent and 150 percent of the federal poverty

guidelines are eligible for Project HELP assistance. For a family of four, monthly income cannot exceed \$1,375.

"We are proud to be part of Project HELP because we know that through our customer, shareholder, and employee efforts, many needy people will make it safely through the cold winter," Andrus says. "Since 1982, PGE's total donation of \$1.5 million to the project has helped more than 15,000 Oregonians."

Donations to Project HELP go directly to The Salvation Army, which screens applicants and disburses funds to customers' fuel suppliers, regardless of the fuel type.

PGE customers are receiving special Project HELP donation envelopes in their winter billing statements.

"Customers who wish to make a tax deductible contribution to Project HELP should write a separate check for their donation and not add it to their regular utility bill payment," Andrus says.

The Salvation Army will begin distribution of funds in 1988.

PCC Board Declares Holiday

The Portland Community College Board of Directors added Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as a holiday. Employees will have the third Monday in January off to celebrate his memory.

The Board cited Dr. King for raising awareness among Americans to racial intolerance. His efforts resulted in providing greater opportunities to all Americans, especially in the area of education.

The Board also noted Dr. King received the Nobel Peace Prize for his service to racial and ethnic harmony among all peoples of the world.

Santa Decorates Giving Tree

The Salvation Army's Major Mervyn Morelock will land in a helicopter at Jantzen Beach center and help Santa Claus decorate a gift-giving tree on Saturday, Nov. 28, 1987, at 11:00 a.m.

Jantzen Beach shoppers will be able to pick one or more cards off the tree, buy the item indicated and place it in a giant glass box near the tree through Dec. 18. The Salvation Army will deliver the gifts.

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Request City application and supplemental questionnaire at:

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Mt. Hood Community College is searching for a Director of Advising and Counseling to provide a strong advising, guidance and counseling program which includes leadership, planning, organizing, evaluating, and supervising programs and support services. Master's degree required with a doctorate in counseling, psychology or related field preferred. Experience in teaching, counseling and management at the community college level preferred.

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INFORMATIONAL ADVERTISEMENT PORTLAND PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALL FOR BIDS

Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. on the dates indicated in the Purchasing Department, Multnomah County School District #1J, 501 N. Dixon, Portland, Oregon for the items listed herein:

BID FILING DATE	DESCRIPTION
Dec. 1, 1987	Shower Metering Equipment for Various Schools (Requirement Contract)
Dec. 1, 1987	Telephone Equipment for Various Schools (Requirement Contract)
Dec. 1, 1987	Electrical Supplies for Warehouse Stock (Requirement Contract)

Formal announcement, detailed specifications and bidding document may be obtained at the above address. For additional information, please contact Michael J. Hutchens, Director of Purchasing, 249-2000, Extension 581.

PUBLIC NOTICE SUB-BIDS REQUESTED

Coos Bay Wastewater Treatment
Contract 1
Bid Date: December 8, 1987 at 2:00 PM



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PORTLAND DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Architectural/Engineering Services
Pioneer Place Parking Garage
Portland, Oregon

Proposals due 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 1987

The Portland Development Commission is seeking proposals from qualified architectural/engineering (A/E) consultants for review of Programmatic Development Documents and Construction Documents for the Pioneer Place Parking Garage Project in downtown Portland. The A/E consultant will also assist with bidding and in the administration of the construction work.

The A/E consultant will be required to undertake special studies to assist PDC and Rouse-Portland, Inc. in establishing a final development program; prepare construction schedules; prepare cost estimates; make field measurements; conduct survey and soil studies; attend meetings and public review sessions; and, undertake other services and duties described in the Request For Proposals (RFP).

The parking garage is part of the proposed Pioneer Place Project, a three and three-quarter block, public/private, mixed use redevelopment initiative. The garage should have 425 550 public, retail-related parking spaces above ground, 175-200 private, office-related parking spaces below ground, and a minimum of 11,000 leasable square feet of retail space at street level. The garage site is the northerly three quarters of Block 51, an area bounded by S.W. Third and Fourth Avenues, Yamhill Street and two existing buildings on Taylor Street.

The Portland Development Commission encourages participation of Minority/Women Business Enterprise contractors in its projects. The established Commission goals for participation is nine percent (9%) for Minority Business Enterprises and nine percent (9%) for Women Business Enterprises.

A complete RFP package is available from Stacey Deitz, Portland Development Commission, 1120 S.W. Fifth Avenue, Suite 1102, Portland, Oregon 97204-1968, (503) 796-6950. Proposals are due at the PDC office no later than 3:00 p.m., Tuesday, December 15, 1987.